

a firm believer in the development of abnormalities and inhumanities in utero through the influence of the mother's mind. He narrates a case known to him, in which a woman had been during her pregnancy frequently frightened by a horse. Labor came on in due time, "and the object of her labor was expelled lifeless." Dr. Davis thus describes it:—"To the astonishment of the husband and all the attendants it proved to be, instead of a child, something like the shape of a horse. The head, ears, nose, neck, body, feet and legs were all as much like a horse as if it had been sired and foaled by that species of animal."

The second case came under his immediate observation. The lady, during her pregnancy, had taken a great fancy to a monkey, and miscarried, at what period of her pregnancy we are not informed. Dr. Davis thus describes the expelled contents of the uterus: From its neck it had the appearance of a well-formed four months male foetus, while its head, mouth, nose and ears resembled those of a monkey. Its left eye had no lids, but all the ball and membranes seemed to be as blue as indigo, all of which was covered by a thin transparent membrane. The right eye was not discernible."—*Philadelphia Medical Reporter*.

We think these cases fully matched by the following still more remarkable one which has been fully verified, and in truth became afterwards the subject of an artist's pencil. A Chelsea pensioner, *both of whose legs had been shot off* at the fight at Trafalgar, under our immortal Nelson, determined upon perpetrating matrimony, and after narrating his

"Most disastrous chances
Of moving accidents by flood and field," &c.

to which his

"Desdemona did most seriously incline."

finally consummated the deed upon which his heart was set. In due time the pledge of their mutual affection made its appearance, but strange to tell, it was born with *two wooden stumps* resembling those of its paternal progenitor to the minutest particular.—*Ed. B. A. Journal*.

A few Physiological Facts.—A full sized man has in his vascular apparatus at least fifty pounds of blood. The heart contracts seventy-five times per minute with sufficient force to propel its contents through the aorta into the minutest capillaries. Assuming that there are five pounds of fluid in the effluent currents, this weight will be lifted forty-five hundred times in a single hour by the involuntary pulsations of the heart. Or, if we suppose the muscular exertion thus equally diffused over a period of sixty minutes to be concentrated in one effort, more than 20,000 pounds would be lifted by the heart, and hurried to all parts of the frame.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter, from Dr. Woodward's annual address.*

Medical Missionary Society of China.—The twenty-second annual meeting of this society was held at Canton on the 17th January, 1861. The hospital report furnished the number of 17,631 as treated during the preceding twelve months. 206 in-patients were admitted, and more than 250 surgical operations were performed. We glean from this that there must be a very large number of permanent residents of the hospital, who in other places would be called "incurable" and treated as such. The whole report however is a most favourable one in every respect.

Three cases of absence of the Uterus in one Family.—In the *American Medical Monthly* for June, Dr. R. Nelson, of New York, gives an account of a family of five sisters, in three of whom the uterine organ was entirely wanting. Of course, they had never menstruated, neither had any of them suffered from abdominal tumours. Two of the three had been twice married—had strong sex-